

HOUSE BILL 2504  
By Harmon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5,  
Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 16, relative to the  
holding of court.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-7-105, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting a county that has constructed a criminal justice building or facility that is not located within the limits of the county town from holding criminal court in such building or facility, provided it is located within the limits of the county. If the criminal justice building or facility is used to hold criminal court, a defendant may be indicted, prosecuted, tried and convicted in such building or facility as if done at the courthouse.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-1-105, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting a county that has constructed a criminal justice building or facility that is not located within the limits of the county seat from holding criminal court in such building or facility, provided it is located within the limits of the county. If the criminal justice building or facility is used to hold criminal court, a defendant may be indicted, prosecuted, tried and convicted in such building or facility as if done at the courthouse.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.